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To: Nancy Rumrill/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/14/2008 08:02 PM
Subject: RE: Notice of Public hearing concerning draft Lahaina UIC draft

Dear Madame Rumrill,

I must thank you for the decision to hold this Public Hearing. I believe it will be of lasting value to all. I hope that the information and concerns expressed will open many people's eyes to the inevitability of a collective decision being made to stop sewage injection and commence redirecting treated waste to valuable usage in irrigation. I say inevitable because I think any reasonable person would concede that it becomes more and more the irrefutable choice, given the planned growth of Maui, coupled with increasing fresh water shortages.

The utilization of treated wastewater has been proven time and again in other locales, domestically and internationally, to be of profound benefit to both the ecology and economy of those communities who choose it as a solution to near identical problems that Maui faces.

The reefs of Maui cannot be viewed as anything other than the most vital of resources, because of their value, not only as marine habitat, but, of course, because of their role in the economy of Maui's attraction to visitors. Because of the amplified jeopardy to all that any loss of reefs entails, I urge you take an approach to these hearings that truly embodies the principle of "Better Safe Than Sorry".

I, for one, among what I know to be many, many concerned citizens could not live with a legacy that came one day to soon as having missed the opportunity to do what can readily be done and be remembered for not doing it soon enough to avoid consequences that would echo negatively for generations. The window to protect Hawaii's reefs is still open. You are fully aware that in other jurisdictions the damage is done and no mitigation possible, only slow, painful hopes for recovery. Please help prevent this eventuality here.

Thank you greatly for your decisions and actions. It is my hope to offer you a brief at the hearing.

Aloha,
Gordon Clay

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> From: Rumrill.Nancy@epamail.epa.gov
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> Dear Mr. Clay,
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> Please see attached Notice of Public Hearing concerning the draft Lahaina

UIC permit. This public notice will be appearing in the Maui News legal classifieds on September 28, 2008 and posted to the EPA website on September 29, 2008.

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> Thank you for all your comments.
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> Sincerely, Nancy Rumrill
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